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Office Action Summary

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09/651,439

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Matthew Heneghan

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5, 6 and 8-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5, 6, 8-16, 18 and 19 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12 July 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/18/05.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. In response to the previous office action, claims 1, 8, 16, and 17 have been amended; claim 7 has been cancelled; and claims 18 and 19 have been added. Claims 1-3, 5, 6, and 8-19 have been examined.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 18 March 2005 has been entered.

Specification

3. The previous objection under 35 U.S.C. 132 has been withdrawn.

Priority

4. In view of Applicant's amendment to the specification, the previous objection to Applicant's priority claim is withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. In view of Applicant's amendments, all previous rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph are withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

6. In view of Applicant's amendments, all previous rejections under 35 U.S.C. 101 have been withdrawn.

7. Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The claim includes the embodiment of the claimed invention within non-statutory subject matter. Specifically, Applicant's specification defines a "computer readable medium" as being, among other things, a carrier wave (see Specification, p. 15, lines 3-6).

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8. To expedite a complete examination of the instant application the claim rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 (nonstatutory) above are further rejected as set forth below in anticipation of applicant amending these claims to place them within the four statutory categories of invention.

Response to Arguments

9. Applicant's arguments, see Remarks, p. 6, filed 18 March 2005, with respect to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 of previous claim 7 have been fully considered and are persuasive. In view of Applicants amendments, the rejections of all of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 have been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

10. Claims 1-3, 5, 6, and 8-16, 18, and 19 are allowed.

11. Claim 17 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101, set forth in this Office action.

12. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: In each of the independent claims, art could not be found that would motivate one skilled in the art to modify the closest art (see U.S. Patent No. 5,694,590 to

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Thuraisingham et al. and U.S. Patent No. 5,621,889 to Lermuzeaux et al.), to support continuations for both of the specified conditions in a system for intrusion detection.

Regarding claim 18, Thuraisingham does disclose the breaking down of rules into graphs; however, the claim is allowable based upon its dependence on an allowable parent claim.

Conclusion

13. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

U.S. Patent No. 6,226,745 to Wiederhold discloses a system for blocking security-related when considering query responses.

14. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew E. Heneghan, whose telephone number is (571) 272-3834. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Eastern Time.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory Morse, can be reached at (571) 272-3838.

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